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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-146 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please may you provide me with data on:

- The number of children's playgrounds in your area in 2022
- The number of accidents reported at children's playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019
- The name of the playground where the most reported accidents have occurred in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)
- The number of complaints made in relation to the safety of equipment at playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019
- The name of the playground which has received the most complaints in relation to the safety of its equipment, in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)
- Any details on playground closures or equipment that has been removed due to safety complaints or reported accidents since 2019

Response:

- East Cambs District Council currently maintains 23 play areas, although there are others maintained by City of Ely Council or Parish Councils
- No accidents have been reported at our play areas in the specified period
- n/a
- Our CRM system has a general 'Facilities' form and does not break down CRMs into complaints regarding the safety equipment of playgrounds. In the time frame specified we received 2,475 CRM forms for the Facilities. We estimate the it would take 2 minutes to review each form, equating to 82.5 hours. As the FOI Act only allows 18 hours to respond to queries, we are unable to provide this information within the time allowed. Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.
- As above, we are unable to provide this information.
- We have not closed any play areas or removed any equipment due to safety complaints or reported accidents since 2019

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-146

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.